



LESSON 5

REFERENCES: 2 KINGS 5:1, 2; PROPHETS AND KINGS, PP. 244, 245.

The Little Maid

Do you have work that you do to help at home? Do you help at Grandma's house? at the park? at the babysitter's? Little Maid helped too. This is how it may have happened.

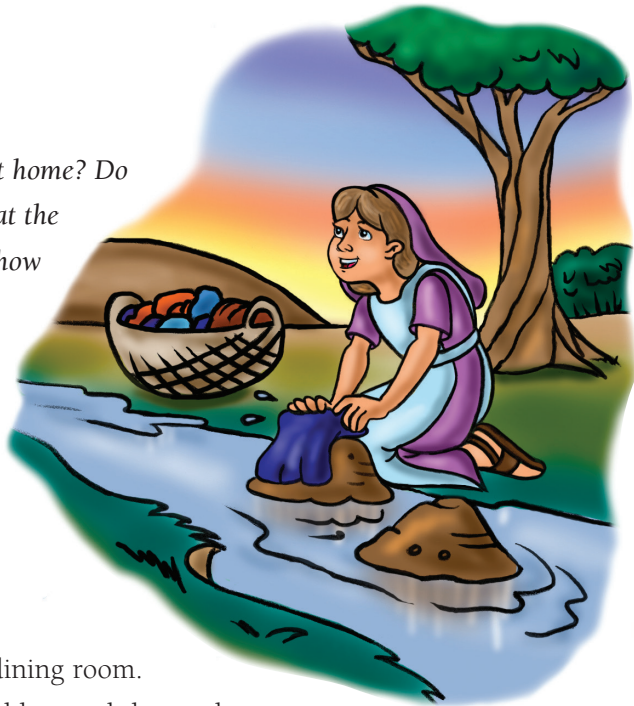
The little girl looked around the kitchen. It was bigger than the one at home. She had often helped her mother make delicious bread and stews.

Then the little girl looked around the dining room.

She saw a huge table, much larger than the one her family had at home. She saw a broom, and pretty dishes on a table. The little girl was good at sweeping. She was also good at setting the table. She had been taught by her mother just where to put the bowls and plates and cups.

The little girl was in the home of the man in charge of the Syrian army. An important man and a brave soldier, he had recently led the army in an attack against Israel, and he had won.

Suddenly a woman came into the room and smiled at the little



Memory Verse

“Let us do good to all people.”

GALATIANS 6:10, NIV

The Message

We can serve God wherever we are.

girl. “Oh, you must be the little girl my husband, Naaman, told me about. I’m Mrs. Naaman. You are going to be my helper. Come, little maid, I’ll show you what to do.”

The lady led Little Maid down a long hallway. Little Maid followed. Mrs. Naaman pointed to the beds to be made, then floors to be swept, and furniture to be dusted. Then there were clothes to wash and hang out to dry.

Little Maid soon felt at ease doing the many chores. She worked very hard, many hours a day. But she didn’t complain or whine. Her parents had taught her well to be a cheerful helper and to do the best she could.

Mrs. Naaman and Captain Naaman noticed how good Little Maid worked. Everything she did was done well. She didn’t give up if something was hard. She didn’t grumble or complain. She smiled while she worked! She was friendly and happy. There was something different about this little girl from Israel. She wasn’t like the other servants.

How was she different? She knew God. Little Maid served God wherever she was, whether at home in Israel with her family, or in Syria at the home of Captain and Mrs. Naaman. Little Maid could have been angry at Captain Naaman for taking her away from her home. But she trusted God and wanted to serve Him wherever she was.

You can serve God wherever you are too. You can help at home. Take your dirty dishes to the sink after you eat. Offer to dust the furniture. Play kindly with your brothers and sisters. Share your toys with friends. Smile and be friendly to the children you see at the playground. In all these ways and in all these places you are serving God. You can serve God wherever you are.



Do and Say

SABBATH

Each day this week, read the lesson story together and review the memory verse.

Let us Point to self and then others.

do good Touch fingers of right hand to chin.

to all people. . . . With palm up, move hand to gesture to others.

Galatians 6:10 . . Palms together; then open as if opening a book.

SUNDAY

Read together 2 Kings 5:1, 2. Ask: What was Naaman's job? What was Little Maid's job? Was she a good worker for God? Where did she serve God?

Help your child make a Happy Helper chart. List something for your child to do each day this week. When it is done, draw a smiley face beside that day.

MONDAY

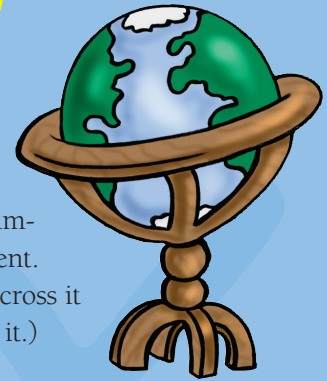
Sing "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, no. 202).

Look at pictures of a kitchen, playground, store, library, church, etc. Or walk through your house and stop in each room. Ask: How can you serve God here? Have your child name and count three places.

TUESDAY

Encourage your child to share the "world" they

made in Sabbath School with someone and tell them about Little Maid. (Or draw a globe with a simple outline of your continent. Write the memory verse across it and have your child color it.)



WEDNESDAY

Sing a "missionary" song. Look at pictures of foreign countries or objects from another country. Ask: Do you have to go to a different country to serve God? How can you be a missionary where you are?

THURSDAY

With your child, role-play different ways to serve God and help others at school, home, a friend's house, grocery store, around the neighborhood, etc.

Let your child help you do household chores as you talk about things Little Maid may have done to help Mrs. Naaman.

FRIDAY

During worship act out the Bible story with your family. Have your child show the Happy Helper chart they made Sunday. Let them count and/or name the days they helped and tell what they did. Thank God for your child's helpful ways.

